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Summary

11. (SBU) The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the full Emergency Action Committee (EAC) May 14 to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting. Accordingly, the EAC agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. End Summary.

Security Environment

12. (SBU) On May 14, the Ambassador chaired a meeting of the full EAC to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Likewise, the EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman. Members cited a quiet weekend with no security incidents, while CONS confirmed that there were no reported security incidents or security-related queries from the private American citizen community. The EAC briefly discussed ref A and concluded that the story of alleged desecration of the Quran at Guantanamo Bay did not have any traction in Oman. All members, however, agreed to remain watchful and immediately to report any change in the situation.

Sustained Vigilance

13. (SBU) Prior to concluding the meeting, RSO reiterated that, despite the relative calm, members of the EAC must continue reinforcing to both their staffs and family members the need for vigilance regarding all aspects of personal security - to include maintaining a low profile and remaining unpredictable. RSO further re-emphasized the importance of immediately reporting all suspicious activity or security-related incidents to Post One.

EAC Conclusion

14. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on May 11 (reftel). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. ABM, DCM, P/E, MGT, A/RSO, RMAS, CONS, PAO, MSG, DAO, OMC (USDR), and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.
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